

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:637
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2005
FEMALE LITERACY RATE IN TRIBAL AREAS
Kurup Adv. Suresh

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) The details of districts in the country where Scheduled Tribe female literacy rate is below 10%
- (b) the funds allocated for these districts under various schemes to educate females,
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any study to analyse the reasons for such a low level of literacy rate in those areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for the development of these districts; and
- (f) the details of different schemes of the Government to involve Non-Governmental Organizations and co-operative societies in the area ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

- (a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply of Part (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starrer Question No.637 for answer on 10.5.2005 asked by Shri Suresh Kurup regarding female literacy rate in Tribal Areas.

(a) As per 1991 census, there are 136 districts including the districts having Scheduled Tribe population with less than 10% women literacy in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, and West Bengal.

(b) Under the existing Schemes, the funds are released to the State Governments and Non Governmental Organizations on the basis of their proposals. No district-wise allocation and releases are made directly by the Ministry.

(c) & (d) The Ministry has sponsored a Study to Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) during 2004-05 for Analytical Study of educational Schemes in Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Chhatisgarh and Jharkhand.

(e) The Ministry has been implementing the Schemes of Construction of Hostel for scheduled tribe girls, Establishment of Ashram Schools, Post Matric Scholarship, National Overseas Scholarship, Upgradation of Merit and Grant in aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of scheduled tribes for improvement of education among scheduled tribes. The Ministry has been implementing an exclusive Scheme of Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for improvement of literacy amongst scheduled tribe women in identified districts. These schemes are to supplement the efforts of the Sectoral Nodal Ministry i.e. Ministry of Human Resources Development and the State Governments.

(f) The Non-Governmental Organizations are provided grants under the schemes of Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets; Grant in aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of scheduled tribes, pre-examination coaching and Development of Primitive Tribal Groups.